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IV. The hostility to the god Seth, Nahas, or Noubti, which arose in the minds of the Egyptian priests, and which led to the defacement of all monuments in which he appears as a beneficent god, and of his name when forming a part of names of kings. The time when this hostility arose, and the cause of it, are yet unexplained ; but it could not have led to this defacement sooner than 1100, B. C. This defacement is conspicuous on the statues of Menephthah III. at Turin and London, and the Flaminian Obelisk of Menephthah I. at Rome, and frequently at Karnac.

It is incidentally mentioned that *Pone*, or *Penne*, is Lower Egypt ; its extremities being mentioned in a papyrus in the British Museum in connexion with *Ebo*, or *Elephantine*, as the limits of Egypt. And the titles “King of *Penne*,” “King of the Pure Country,” which occur in the second cartouches of many Egyptian kings, are shewn to imply that the kings bearing those titles were only kings of parts of Egypt ; a King of *Penne*, or Lower Egypt, like *Horus*, always implying a King of *Keme*, or the pure country, *i. e.* of Upper Egypt, as *Skhai* and *Amenothph IV.* were.

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Mr. E. Clibborn made a communication respecting the *Hycsos*, or *Shepherd Kings*, tending to shew that they were descendants of *Isaac*.

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March 16. (Stated Meeting.)

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, LL. D., President, in the  
Chair.

RESOLVED,—That the Rev. J. D'A. Sirr's collection of Irish Antiquities be purchased on the terms recommended by Council. The terms being a payment of £350, the

cancelling of his arrears, and his being made a Life Member of the Academy.

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The Secretary of Council read the following Report :

In presenting to the Academy the Report of Proceedings during the past year, the Council does not find it necessary to enter into much detail, as the events of that period have not been of any considerable importance or unusual character.

The Second Part of the 19th Volume of our Transactions has been published and distributed to the members of the Academy. The 20th volume, which will be altogether occupied by Mr. Petrie's Essay on the Round Towers, is still at press. The delay in its publication arises mainly from the number and importance of the artistic illustrations; and it is expected that the retarded progress of this work will be fully compensated for, in the opinion of the Academy, by its excellence, when brought out.

Several Memoirs are already prepared and printed for the 21st Volume of the Transactions, and the Proceedings of last Session, which compose Part VII., have been lately distributed to the members.

Since the date of the last Report the attention of the Council has been given to the means of providing for the exhibition and guarding of the collection of Irish Antiquities. The plans proposed for this object have been already submitted to the Academy, but are not as yet in any way carried into effect; the Council being, on the one hand, restricted by want of funds, and, on the other, as it was found that the duration of tenure of the Academy House becomes uncertain after a few years, it was thought advisable not to expend much money on alterations in the building, until some definite arrangement had been made concerning its future tenure. For this purpose the Council have been in communication with the law agents of the Academy, but no decisive result has been as yet arrived at. It is a question of great importance to the Academy, for, at present, from the want of place for exhibition, the antiquarian treasures which we possess, and to which, we trust, each year will make large additions, are practically inaccessible to the public. Some of the